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TOPIC: Soviet Troops in Neustrelitz

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1. On 22 June 1952, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne in Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54), **Prenzlauer Chaussee**, was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 to 4,000 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black armlets with tank insignia. During the period from 11 to 25 June, T-34 tanks [REDACTED] and JS tanks [REDACTED] were seen leaving the installation for the adjacent training area on Zierkersee. On 16 and 18 June, T-34 tanks [REDACTED] drove south of the village of Zierke and into Zierkersee. They were covered with water as far as the lower edge of the turret when crossing the lake. They reached the shore 200 to 300 meters west of Zierke. During the period from 22 to 26 June, nine T-34 tanks. [REDACTED] were observed in the billeting area. An AA emplacement with several 37-mm AA guns was 250 meters northeast of the Neue Infanterie Kaserne. [REDACTED] 25X1

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2. On 10 June, trucks [REDACTED] each towing a 120-mm mortar, left the Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Strelitzer Strasse. 25X1

3. On 7 June, the restricted Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse was occupied by about 200 troops. Three 122-mm field howitzers which had been brought by truck [REDACTED] from the restricted area to the adjacent training grounds were engaged in firing practice. (1) 25X1

4. At the end of May, the former SA sport camp along the Zinnow-Gross-Trebbow road south-southwest of the town and south of the so-called "Schinder Tannen" was reoccupied by an engineer unit of about 300 men from the restricted Tiergarten area and a supply unit which had hitherto been stationed near the harbor of Zierkersee. Motor vehicles observed in traffic to the southern section of the camp which housed the engineer unit [REDACTED] and vehicles seen in traffic to the northern section which housed the supply unit [REDACTED] 25X1

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5. On 15 June, 35 new, [REDACTED] spray-painted trucks were loaded at the Neustrelitz freight station. The loading detail of soldiers with red-bordered black

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25X1 epaulets with tank insignia came on truck [ ] At 8:45 p.m. on 23 June, five SU-76 guns were seen on a train passing through Neustrelitz from the direction of Berlin and proceeding toward Neubrandenburg (N 54/0 66). On 21 June, 45 old trucks were loaded.

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[ ] 6. During the period from 25 to 29 May, the restricted Schlosskoppel area was occupied by about 350 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

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[ ] 7. [ ]

[ ] 8. At the end of May, the supply unit stationed near the harbor of Zierkersee moved into the northern section of the sport camp along the Grosstreibow road. (3)

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9. At 2 p.m. on 28 May, a train was unloaded at the Neustrelitz freight station. It carried 16 x 76-mm AA guns and about 20 trucks with billeting equipment, 20 officers and about 200 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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The unit left toward the restricted Schlossgarten area near Schlosskoppel Allee 25X1 at about 7 p.m. [ ]

[ ] this AAA unit returned from a field exercise in the Potsdam (N 53/2 63) area. (6)

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[ ] 10. During the period from 8 to 16 June 1952, there was much training activity in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Penzliner Chaussee. In detail, the following observations were made:

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8 June. T-34 tank [ ] and 2 JS-122 guns were seen. Trucks [ ] left the installation.

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10 June. About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns and practice targets marched out toward Zierke.

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12 June. A column of T-34 tank No 200, a [ ] T-34 tank and trucks [ ] each carrying about 15 soldiers

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with red-bordered black epaulets and field equipment left the installation.

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13 June. Four T-34 tanks stood in the barracks yard. Two JS-3 tanks and trucks [ ] each carrying about 20 soldiers with red-

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bordered black epaulets and field equipment, left the installation toward Zierke. The column was followed by a unit of 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns, and carbines. Motor vehicles observed at the installation [ ]

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[ ] 11. On 24 May, [ ] platforms for practicing firing with heavy mortars were built in the training area between the Neustrelitz-Wesenberg road and the

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25X1 Neustrelitz-Hirow railroad line. Two platforms had already been completed. Two heavy mortars were mounted on one of them. Fifteen officers and 70 men with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in firing practice. Six other heavy mortars covered with canvas stood near a shed. (7)

12. During the period from 12 to 15 June, the following observations were made in the training area northwest of Neustrelitz, west of Kratzeburg:

25X1 12 June, 10 a.m. 6 prime movers with 100-mm AT guns and 2 trucks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] each carrying about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets moved toward Speck from the direction of Fentscher Forest. At 10:40 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the same day, heavy AT gun fire was heard from the direction of Speck. Machine gun and rifle fire was heard from the same direction between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

25X1 13 June, 1 to 3 p.m. Artillery and rifle fire was heard from the entire area of Speck-Granzin. Trucks [redacted] each towing a 37-mm AT gun and carrying about 10 men with red-bordered black epaulets and 4 trucks,

25X1 [redacted] each mounting about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drove from the direction of Dankech toward Bierke at 3:40 p.m. (8)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) Although it appears that elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div in the three installations were rotated for practices in the Neustrelitz area, it is believed that no changes occurred in the occupation since mid-May 1952. 25X1

25X1 25X1 (2) [redacted] the 47th Gds Tank Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Neustrelitz until 28 April 1952. [redacted] possibly belongs to a hospital in the Neustrelitz-Fuerstenberg/Oder area.

25X1 (3) According to a report of the middle of May 1952, the engineer unit of the Second Gds Rocc Army was to move from the restricted Tiergarten area to the sport camp about 6 km south-southwest of Neustrelitz. [redacted] The supply 25X1 unit mentioned [redacted] in paragraphs 4 and 8 as being stationed near the 25X1 harbor on Zierkersee is reported for the first time. There is no plausible 25X1 reason why such a unit should have moved to the training camp.

25X1 (4) As, in addition to the hitherto unidentified restricted Schlosskoppel area, [redacted] also mentioned the restricted Schlossgarten area known from previous reports, it appears [redacted] referred to two billeting areas. The present report indicates that the restricted Schlosskoppel area may be occupied by the unidentified Trans Pl of the 9th Gds Tank Div. However, this conclusion is contradicted by the information that a supply unit, which can only be the above mentioned motor transport battalion, is stationed in the [redacted] 25X1

(5) [redacted] 25X1

25X1 25X1 (6) The arrival on 28 May 1952 of elements of the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the 28th Gds Tank Div from Altengrabow was previously reported [redacted] See 25X1 [redacted] The quartering of the regiment in the restricted Schlossgarten area is known. [redacted] it belongs to a military censorship office.

25X1 (7) [redacted] already reported in mid-April 1952, that field exercises with mortars had been conducted in this area. [redacted] 25X1 exercises had probably been held by units of the 234th Mort Regt of the 9th Gds 25X1 Tank Div. [redacted] However, since elements of this regiment were probably still in the training area south of Neubrandenburg at the end of May, the identity of the unit concerned is still to be determined. [redacted]

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(8) The quarters of elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) in the area of the Peutescher Forst and the firing range in the Speck-Granzin area which is also used by the brigade are known.

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